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# DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for Files in NSA COINS Subsystem (U)

TO:       COINS Project Manager
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1. (U) Reference COINS Operational Procedure Number 1-1968, 22 Nov 1968.

2. (S) In accordance with reference, NSA is hereby requested to add to its COINS subsystem the following files now maintained on the DIA COINS subsystem:

SMRFA -- CIVFA -- STRFA -- TACFA

3. (C) The data for all of these files are developed by NSA and forwarded to DIA. No changes are made at DIA except to reformat the data into the Formatted File System (FFS). NSA has all the required information on data elements and format.

4. (C) There should be no change in the data elements now contained in these files nor to the coding or other methods of representations.

5. (C) The required time span for data to be on-line is the latest 90 days as a minimum. Daily update is required.

6. (S) Until the above files are operating successfully in the NSA COINS subsystem and can be interrogated from terminals at DIA and other COINS participants, DIA must maintain the files on-line. Therefore, there should be no interruption to the daily transmission of data from NSA to DIA via magnetic tape for these files. A change in frequency may be negotiated later.

7. (S) DIA analysts require responses within 24 hours to requests for off-line search against the history tapes on the above files. It is requested that the planning by NSA to assume maintenance of the on-line files also include development of the capability to satisfy this off-line search requirement. Until such a capability exists at NSA, it will be necessary for DIA to maintain history tapes on each of these files.

8. (S) DIA now distributes update tapes in FFS format monthly on all of the above files and weekly on TACFA and STRFA to various Commands/components. It is requested that NSA develop the capability to make this distribution directly from NSA.

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9. (C) Bulk data transfer between COINS participants via the COINS network cannot be accomplished at present. Messages are limited to _____ characters each. It is requested that the Communications and Computer Interface Panel (CCIP) be tasked by the COINS Project Manager to recommend modifications to the COINS network so that it can be used to transfer bulk data between participating agencies such as alluded to in paragraphs 5 and 6, above.

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